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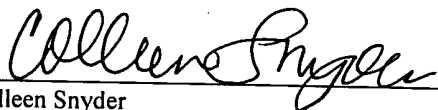
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PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A two (2) month extension of time, to and including January 1, 2004, is requested for response to the Office Action of August 1, 2003.


The extension fee of \$210.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) is enclosed herewith. If the amount is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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